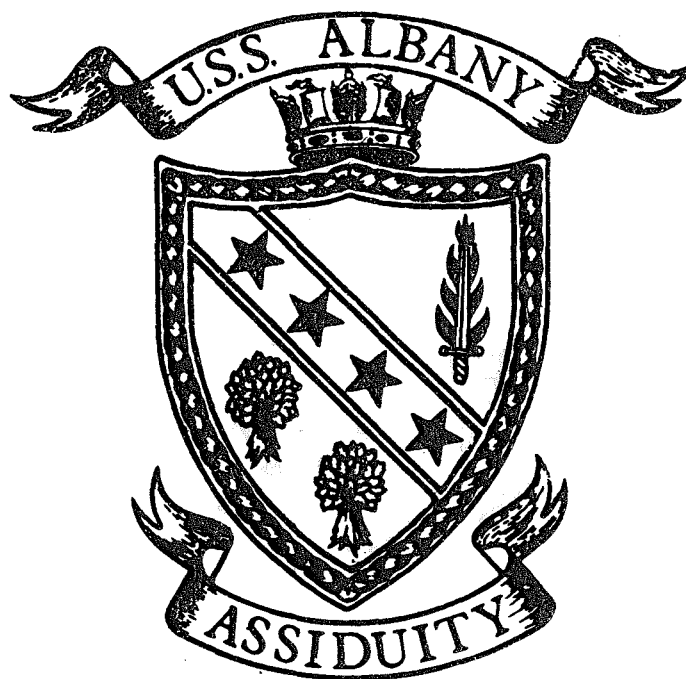


USS ALBANY CG-10

Ships History 1975



COMMAND HISTORY
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1. In accordance with reference (a), USS ALBANY (CG-10) Command History for
calendar year 1975 is submitted.


R.D. HEENAN

CHRONOLOGY OF HIGHLIGHTS 1 JANUARY 1975 - 31 DECEMBER 1975

01-06 JAN Christmas leave and Upkeep inport Norfolk, Va.

06-10 JAN CSYSEX 3-75 inport Norfolk, Va.

09-10 JAN Fast Cruise for CSYSEX 3-75

13 JAN (AM) U/W for NSW Yorktown to onload missiles/ammunition, arrive at 1300

17 JAN Depart NSW Yorktown (AM), moor NAVSTA Norfolk, Va at 1900

27 JAN ALBANY becomes Flagship for Commander, U.S. Second Fleet, VADM Stansfield TURNER

20 JAN - 7 FEB SECAS validation team visits ALBANY

11 FEB U/W for TARTAR SQT (incomplete)

25-28 FEB U/W for ALOUD X-RAY (communications exercise) and completion of TARTAR SQT (six TARTAR fired)

01 MAR Arrive NAVSTA Norfolk, Va.

11-27 MAR U/W for LANTREADEX 2-75

20-21 MAR RIMEX phase LANTREADEX 2-75

22-23 MAR Inport San Juan, Puerto Rico

28 MAR - 15 APR Upkeep/training inport NAVSTA Norfolk, Va.

16-28 APR U/W for Exercise AGATE PUNCH

28 APR - 8 MAY Inport Norfolk, Va.

09-11 MAY Enroute Boston, Mass., arrive AM 11 May

11 MAY Soviet Ambassador, ANATOLY DOBRYNIN hosted for dinner by COMSECONDFLT aboard ALBANY

12-17 MAY ALBANY acts as host ship for Soviet Guided Missile Destroyers BOYKIY and ZHGUCHIY visiting Boston in commemoration of thirtieth V-E Day

15 MAY Chief of Naval Operations, ADM HOLLOWAY, visits BOYKIY and ALBANY

17-19 MAY U/W for Norfolk, Va.

22 MAY - 03 JUN U/W for Exercise SOLID SHIELD 75 and Communications Exercise ALOUD YANKEE in Cherry Point OPAREA

03 JUN - 18 AUG Inport Norfolk, Va.

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| 14 JUN | Captain Richard D. HEENAN, USN relieves Captain John J. EKELUND as Commanding Officer |
| 16-27 JUN | Collimation checks |
| 01-07 JUL | RAV to Norfolk Naval Shipyard for installation of dual array task lights (inport Norfolk) |
| 07-11 JUL | CSYSEX 1-76 |
| 07-JUL - 12 AUG | RAV for repairs to fresh water and CHT tanks |
| 10 JUL | CNO of Royal Thailand Navy visits and tours ALBANY |
| 17 JUL | ALBANY night at Tidewater Tides baseball game, Norfolk |
| 24 JUL | VADM John J. SHANAHAN relieves VADM Stansfield TURNER as COMSECONDFLT |
| 12 AUG | Fast cruise to test main engines and ship's service turbo generators |
| 19 AUG | U/W CARIBEX 1-76 |
| 23 AUG | Arrive Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico |
| 24 AUG | Inport Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico |
| 25 AUG | U/W Norfolk, Va. |
| 28 AUG | Arrive Norfolk, Va. |
| 01-07 SEP | INSURV Board Inspection. |
| 26 SEP | Sortie with Task Unit 21.6.2 and USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6) for Sea Control Operations. Underway for Northern Europe and Exercise OCEAN SAFARI 75. |
| 26 SEP - 09 OCT | Conducted various exercises: AAW Exercises, Task Group Formation Steaming Operations, SSN(DS) Operations, ASW Contact Prosecution, Communication Exercises, Gunnery Exercises, Engineering Drills, Helo Operations |
| 27 SEP | Rendezvous with other units of Task Group 21.6 |
| 29 SEP | UNREP with USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6). Fire in No. 2 Fireroom. |
| 07 OCT | Task Unit 21.6.3 detaches for REFORGER Operations |
| 09 OCT | ALBANY detaches from Task Unit 21.6.3 for Northern European port visits |
| 09-12 OCT | Enroute Oslo, Norway |
| 13 OCT | Arrive Oslo, Norway (AM) |

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| 13-16 OCT | Anchored in Oslo, Norway |
| 16 OCT | U/W for Hamburg, Germany (AM) |
| 17 OCT | Arrive Hamburg, Germany (PM) |
| 17-20 OCT | Inport Hamburg, Germany |
| 20 OCT | U/W for Rotterdam, Netherlands (AM) |
| 21-23 OCT | Inport Rotterdam, Netherlands |
| 23 OCT | U/W for Brest, France (AM) |
| 24-27 OCT | Inport Brest, France |
| 27 OCT | U/W for Portsmouth, England |
| 28 OCT - 04 NOV | Inport Portsmouth, England |
| 04 NOV | U/W for Exercise OCEAN SAFARI |
| 05-07 NOV | Exercise MOBY DICK |
| 08-09 NOV | Exercise JAWS |
| 10-20 NOV | Exercise OCEAN SAFARI |
| 21 NOV | Anchored in the Firth of Forth, Rosyth, Scotland |
| 21-25 NOV | Inport Rosyth, Scotland |
| 26 NOV | U/W for transit to CONUS (Sea Control Group Six transit) |
| 10 DEC | Arrive CONUS. Moored at Pier 22, Destroyer and Submarine Piers, NAVSTA, Norfolk, Va. |
| 13 DEC | U/W for Yorktown |
| 13-18 DEC | Offload missiles |
| 19 DEC | U/W for Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va. |
| 20-31 DEC | Inport Portsmouth, Va. |

JANUARY

The new year 1975 began very routinely with ALBANY inport at Naval Station Norfolk completing the second half of a holiday leave and upkeep period. The leave and upkeep period provided excellent opportunities for ALBANY's crew to train aboard ship and prepare for the ship's first full calendar year of fleet operations since 1972.

During the period 6-10 January ALBANY began to upgrade her combat readiness by participating in CSYSEX 3-75 combat system exercises. During this period many of the ships inport in the Norfolk area joined together to simulate underway task force operations with the help of RAVIR and MPQ T-1 vans, air services in the VACAPES oparea and services between ships. The exercise culminated for ALBANY with a fast cruise starting at midnight on 8 January and concluding at 0600 on 10 January. CSYSEX 3-75 proved to be a useful tool in contributing to ALBANY's readiness as a warship, despite the artificiality introduced by not actually being at sea. All hands took full advantage of opportunities to polish old skills and to learn new ones on the areas of seamanship, communications, CIC, engineering and underway administrative procedures and organization.

For the Engineering Department, early January was the final opportunity to complete habitability modifications in preparation for the arrival on board of VADM Stansfield Turner, COMSECONDFLEET and his staff. Living and working space modifications on the 02 level were also being completed by a Norfolk Naval shipyard work force.

To further sharpen operator skills, the Operations Department arranged and conducted a mini-CSYSEX with the USS LEAHY (DLG-16) and the USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (DLG-27) utilizing services provided by FLEETRAULANT personnel who manned RAVIR and EW vans and evaluated performance in the participating unit's combat information centers.

On 27 January, VADM TURNER broke his flag in ALBANY and she officially became SECOND Fleet Flagship. The Admiral was accorded full honors upon arrival and reviewed an honor guard of ALBANY's Marine Detachment.

FEBRUARY

The second month of 1975 began with preparations for participation in a carrier readiness exercise with USS FORRESTAL 7-12 February. Also high on the agenda for early February were preparations to conduct the remaining TARTAR firings for SQT that had not been completed in July/August of 1974.

February, however, was to prove itself a month of surprises. Due to fuel allocation constraints and other factors CARDEX was cancelled. TARTAR SQT was scheduled for 11 February in the VACAPES Oparea, but that was cut short due to inclement weather and ALBANY returned to port the following afternoon without having fired.

The twice-postponed TARTAR firings were rescheduled to take place (weather permitting) immediately prior to ALOUD X-RAY, a communications exercise scheduled for 25-27 February. ALBANY got underway early on the morning of 24 February and transited to the VACAPES Oparea where a full day and much of the evening were spent tracking service aircraft and preparing for TARTAR SQT

firings the following day. In addition the crew exercised at general quarters, damage control and engineering drills, and condition watch training. The arrival of the 25th brought with it a disappointment - the weather situation had deteriorated during the evening and once again it became necessary to postpone the TARTAR firings. Thus, the training/ISE continued as the ship headed south to the scheduled exercise anchorage off Onslow Beach, North Carolina, arriving on the morning of the 26th.

While at the Onslow anchorage, ALBANY participated in the scheduled communications drills in co-operation with elements of the Air Force, Army and Marine Corps communication organizations. In addition, numerous shipboard drills and inter-ship drills with USS SHREVEPORT and USS PORTLAND were conducted.

During the early evening of the 26th a fire broke out in the shipfitter shop. Almost immediately the ship was called to general quarters and reinforcements were sent in to back up the quick response fire party. Step by step the fire was contained as ALBANY's crew put into practice the training they had received in handling emergency situations. The ship was at general quarters for a period of three hours. Two significant casualties occurred. The TALOS cabling to WDE was damaged and the gyro synchros were burnt out and the associated wiring for the gyro distribution system had been disabled. This second item held serious ramifications for the back-up TARTAR firings scheduled two days hence.

Immediately, technicians from weapons, operations, and engineering set to work in an attempt to restore the gyro inputs to the TARTAR fire control and search radar systems that would be required to conduct the firing.

ALOUX X-RAY was over by late morning of 27 February and ALBANY got underway that afternoon for the VACAPES Oparea.

The following morning brought welcome news for all hands. The hard work put in by technicians of several rates had resulted in restoration of the gyro inputs to TARTAR and the air search radar systems. This fact, coupled with clear skies and light breezes, provided an excellent opportunity to complete the TARTAR SQT firings. The men of ALBANY took full advantage of the favorable circumstances, as four out of six TARTAR fired were unqualified successes and a fifth, judged a likely success, was unconfirmed due to a telemetry failure.

Owing largely to the hard work and persistence of all hands February closed on a note of success in contrast to the frustration with which it had begun.

MARCH

March proved to be a very busy month for ALBANY, primarily due to her participation in LANTREADEX 2-75.

The Norfolk transit group, with ALBANY as OCE, got underway for LANTREADEX 2-75 on 11 March, conducting exercises enroute to rendezvous with the aircraft carriers, USS INDEPENDENCE (CG-62) and HMS ARK ROYAL (R-09) in the Jacksonville Oparea on the morning of the 13th. Upon rendezvous, the task group, now composed of more than twenty ships, sailed south conducting ASW free play with two US and

one Netherlands submarine. The highlight of the southbound transit was SINKEX during which ships and carrier based aircraft conducted live firings on two hulk targets towed to sea by USS SHAKORI. ALBANY, using her MK 1A GFC computer, scored a number of hits on one of the hulks.

On 17 March the "War at Sea" phase of the exercise began and ALBANY played a major part in this exercise, countering heavy air attacks and surface raids with her gun and missile batteries.

The "War at Sea" was capped with a RIMEX conducted 19-20 March. During this period, ALBANY fired three TALOS and five TARTAR missiles. The one war-head shot of this group was a perfect surface to air TARTAR shot. Also participating in this firing events were USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (DLG-27), USS INDEPENDENCE (CG-62), USS LEAHY (DLG-16), USS LUCE (DLG-7), and USS JOHN KING (DDG-3).

The weekend of 22-23 March provided an opportunity for most exercise participants to enjoy port visits in the Caribbean area. ALBANY's crew found excellent weather and a very pleasant time of relaxation awaiting them when the ship arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico, early Saturday morning. Everyone took full advantage of opportunities to sightsee, swim under the warm Caribbean sun, and enjoy fine restaurant and nightclub facilities.

At 0800 Monday morning, it was again time to get underway, this time for the transit home. While enroute to Norfolk, ALBANY and units in company participated with aircraft from the U.S. Air Force in exercise SEA RAVEN II - an evolution designed to evaluate ECM techniques employed by those aircraft against warships at sea.

The month of March proved to be an exceptionally busy time for the ship's Communications Department. The volume of traffic produced by LANTREDEX 2-75, combined with that of the NATO communications exercise PRIME RATE/WINTEX 75, drove ALBANY's one-day message handling record to 1452 on 13 March. Since one-day totals thereafter averaged between 800-1000 message processed per day during the exercise, it became apparent that the communicators would be kept busy in supporting the fleet commander's communication needs.

APRIL

With LANTREDEX 2-75 barely over, ALBANY's Officers and men were gearing up for their next exercise, AGATE PUNCH. During the first week of April, key Operations and Weapons Department personnel attended AGATE PUNCH commuter week, a series of Mock-up problems designed to better prepare exercise participants in the execution of their respective duties.

Exercise AGATE PUNCH, which began for ALBANY on 16 April, was designed with a number of objectives in mind; including close air support validation (CASVAL) for amphibious landings, and evaluation of the use of the SSN as an escort in direct support of a transiting convoy. Additionally, the exercise provided training for all participants in the planning, support and execution of amphibious operations by joint Navy/Marine Corps task force.

Returning to port upon completion of AGATE PUNCH, April 27, ALBANY remained in port for the remainder of the month.

MAY

May proved a particularly interesting month in the history of ALBANY. Upon returning from AGATE PUNCH it was learned that the ship had been selected to go to Boston and host the first visit of Soviet Warships to the United States in thirty years. Spit and polish was the order of the day as the crew went to work to prepare the ship for the event after two weeks of continuous steaming.

On the morning of 9 May, ALBANY hosted a dependents cruise for the friends and families of ship's company and SECOND Fleet Staff. The many who took advantage of the cruise were given tours of the ship, shown a demonstration of the 5"-38 guns and treated to an excellent lunch prepared by ALBANY mess service personnel.

The ship returned to pier 12 at 1400 that day to discharge dependents and within an hour was on her way to sea again and enroute to the very important Boston port visit. ALBANY arrived in Boston at 1000 on 11 May with an escort of three fire boats. Mooring at Commonwealth pier 5 she looked and acted ready in every respect for the historic visit. That evening VADM TURNER hosted a dinner on board for Mr. ANATOLY DOBRYNIN, Soviet Ambassador to the United States and Major General TOVMA, Attache' to the Soviet Embassy.

On Monday morning, 12 May, the Soviet Flagship BOYKIY, with RADM KALININ embarked, and her sister ship, ZHGUCHITY, steamed up the Charles River. Salutes were exchanged, a 21 gun National salute to the United States and a 15 gun salute to VADM TURNER, COMSECONDFLT, embarked in ALBANY. The national salute was returned by the U.S. National Guard battery on Castle Island and ALBANY fired a 13 gun salute to RADM KALININ.

Shortly after arrival of the two Soviet ships, RADM KALININ came aboard ALBANY and was greeted by COMSECONDFLT and Commanding Officer, ALBANY amidst the clicking of news camera shutters.

The first large scale encounter between Soviet and American sailors took place on the same evening at the NAS South Weymouth Enlisted Men's Club. The event turned out to be an unqualified success as the Soviets performed their own music and dancing for the group and exchanged souvenirs with their American counterparts. This initial success set the tenor for all subsequent events, which included joint tours and evening events. In addition, both American and Soviet Naval personnel spent many hours each day showing literally thousands of interested Bostonians around their ships. Among the visitors to BOYKIY and ALBANY was Admiral James HOLLOWAY III, Chief of Naval Operations.

The visit drew to a conclusion on Saturday, 17 May, when the two Soviet ships got underway to the farewells of several thousand Bostonians and many ALBANY sailors who had gathered on the pier to see them off. Later the same day, after concluding additional Armed Forces Day visiting, ALBANY got underway and returned to Norfolk for a brief rest before departing on another fleet exercise.

Exercise SOLID SHIELD 75 followed quickly on the heels of the Boston port visit.

After a three-day stop in home port, ALBANY was underway 22 May for exercise SOLID SHIELD 75/ALOUD YANKEE. Again, a new exercise presented new tests as ALBANY participated in a simulated quarantine and blockade of exercise "enemy" forces and made use of her boarding and salvage team in the process.

JUNE

ALBANY returned from Exercise SOLID SHIELD 75. This was the last at-sea exercise for VADM TURNER as COMSECONDFLT. VADM TURNER praised the men and officers for the support ALBANY had provided him as his flagship.

On 7 June ALBANY began a much needed tender availability to the USS YOSEMITE (AD-19) and simultaneously commenced a period of upkeep. During this period, which lasted until 27 June, everything from typewriters to major ship-board systems were tested, repaired and tuned for maximum performance.

On 14 June Captain John J. EKElund, USN, was relieved as Commanding Officer of ALBANY by Captain Richard D. HEENAN, USN, in the traditional ceremony held on the fantail of ALBANY.

JULY

Preliminary plans for the repair of the ship's fresh water tanks indicated that ALBANY's scheduled participation in CARIBEX 1-76 would be reduced.

July, not unlike June, was a month filled with a great many training evolutions for every segment of the crew. Schools were scheduled in damage control, 3-M, ASW and many other areas.

In addition to formal schools the officers and men of ALBANY participated in CSYSEX 1-76, an inport combat systems exercise conducted by COMPHIBGRU 8, during the period 7-11 July. The week of training was used to good advantage in familiarizing newly arrived personnel with their duties, particularly in the areas of CIC watchstanding, seamanship, and damage control.

On 10 July, the Chief of Naval Operations for the Royal Thailand Navy visited ALBANY and was conducted on a tour of the ship by VADM TURNER and ALBANY's Commanding Officer, Captain HEENAN.

July provided additional difficulties for ALBANY's engineers. During the first week of the month with work on the fresh water tanks just getting underway, the ship's 150-ton air conditioning unit suffered a serious casualty.

On 24 July VADM John J. SHANAHAN, Jr. relieved VADM Stansfield TURNER as Commander SECOND Fleet, so, with a new flag, ALBANY began preparations for CARIBEX 1-76.

AUGUST

The month of August found the ALBANY under additional pressure to meet her commitments in CARIBEX 1-76, however delays in repair of the 150-ton air

conditioning unit delayed ALBANY's departure for the Caribbean to 19 August. Many late hours logged by the crew of the forward engine room in work on the evaporators made the cruise possible.

The ship got underway on 19 August, and after an hour of steaming Nos. 1B and 4B spring bearings wiped due to a lack of lubricating oil, however, the ALBANY continued on her way to the Caribbean on two shafts, while repairs were made to the damaged shafts, and successfully completed her mission. ALBANY fired two TALOS, two TARTAR, one ASROC, one torpedo, and 100 rounds from her 5"-38 during the exercise. Upon return from the Caribbean on 27 August, all departments made preparations for INSURV inspections scheduled to take place the first week in September.

SEPTEMBER

COMNAVSURFLANT's INSURV board found ALBANY "fit for further service," and so from 8 September until 26 September, all departments made ready for the North Atlantic cruise and the ship's participation in OCEAN SAFARI 75. The Personnel department, looking far into the future began determining which crew members would be eligible for deployment aboard ALBANY to the Mediterranean in August 76 to relieve USS LITTLE ROCK (CG-4) as flagship for COMSIXTHFLT.

On 10 and 11 September, the Commanding Officer, Captain R.D. HEENAN, had the distinction of participating by invitation in the Bicentennial celebration of Albany, New York, the ship's namesake. The Captain was honored during one day of the festivities which was declared "Captain Heenan Day" in the city of Albany. Several of the functions in which Captain HEENAN participated were hosted by a wide cross-section of civilian community, including the mayor of New York, the Upper Hudson Navy League Council, and the Lieutenant Governor of the state of New York.

On 20 September, 1975, ALBANY crew members and dependents joined for the ship's picnic at the Fleet Recreational Park, Norfolk, Va. The children were treated to a variety of carnival rides, games, and refreshments in a manner befitting a pre-deployment get-together.

On 26 September ALBANY departed NOB, Norfolk, Va. to become a part of Sea Control Group Six and make her transit to the North Atlantic. What started out as a relief from the daily hustle and bustle in port, however, soon turned into tragedy and destruction. On 29 September, at about 1730, a fuel oil fire broke out in No. 2 fireroom. The quick advance of the conflagration made it necessary for all watch personnel to evacuate the space, however, due to instantaneous action and individual heroism on the part of the Quick Response Team, Repair Parties, and other engineering personnel, the blaze was controlled and extinguished within 30 minutes.

When the smoke cleared it was found that one man had been killed and eight had suffered from burns and smoke inhalation. The ship was able to carry out her mission, under somewhat reduced capability. Memorial services were held for EM3 David W. DUNCAN, USN, the shipmate who was killed.

The mission of Task Group 21.6, the Sea Control Group, was to conduct advanced inter-type training while enroute from CONUS to EASTLANT waters. The

force simulated a wartime transit across the Atlantic under threat of air, surface and submarine attack. Numerous fleet exercises were conducted daily.

OCTOBER

ALBANY continued her transit in early October and visited the ports of Oslo, Norway; Hamburg, Germany; Rotterdam, The Netherlands; Brest, France; and Portsmouth, England.

At each of the ports, the nationals of the country, both civilian and military, hosted the crew of ALBANY at social functions, athletic events, and tours, while thousands of visitors toured ALBANY. Commander Striking Fleet, Atlantic, VADM J.J. SHANAHAN, in each port finalized plans with NATO Allies for Exercise OCEAN SAFARI. The exposure to the varied cultures and traditions of the Northern European countries by the crew members will provide them with experiences and memories long to be remembered.

NOVEMBER

During the month of November, ALBANY participated in one of the major NATO exercises of the year - OCEAN SAFARI 75. The exercise involved more than 65 ships from the various NATO countries engaging in maneuvers and simulating AAW and ASW situations. The exercise saw more coverage by soviet aircraft and ships than any other exercise conducted in the recent past. Exercise MOBY DICK, conducted 5-7 November, was an ASW work-up for OCEAN SAFARI 75. Exercise JAWS, conducted 8-9 November, was a transit phase to arrive at the starting point for OCEAN SAFARI. The officers and men of ALBANY gained valuable watchstanding experience in many faceted training evolutions.

On 16 November, Admiral Isaac C. KIDD, Jr., CINCLANT, came aboard ALBANY to discuss the exercise with VADM SHANAHAN and while aboard viewed the damage done by the Class "B" fire which has occurred in No. 2 fireroom on 29 September. He was pleased with the progress which had been made and praised the crew for their diligent efforts. On this same day, ALBANY crossed into the Arctic Circle at 10°40' North longitude and by so entering the land of blizzards and, polar bears, the men and officers of ALBANY were pronounced official "Bluenoses" by Boreas Rex, Ruler of the North Wind and Sovereign of all the Frozen Reaches.

On 21 November, ALBANY returned to civilization, anchoring in the Firth of Forth for a four-day port visit in Rosyth, Scotland. All departments, especially engineering, used this period to make minor repairs and preparations for the long transit home.

DECEMBER

For her return to CONUS, it was decided that too much rough weather would exist on the Great Circle route so a track cutting south of the Azores and just north of Bermuda along the 35th parallel was plotted. This attempt to avoid heavy weather, however, was in vain as 60-65 knot winds and 20-25 foot seas assaulted the ship during a four-day period.

On 10 December, ALBANY arrived in Norfolk, Va., ready for a well-deserved Christmas leave period. On Saturday, 13 December, VADM J.J. SHANAHAN, COM-SECONDFLT, disembarked after successfully completed operations in the North Atlantic. On this same day, ALBANY made her transit from the Destroyer-Submarine piers at Naval Operations Base, Norfolk, to Yorktown Naval Weapons Station for offloading of weapons. The transit served as a "mini dependents cruise", but was marred by a collision with the Coleman Memorial Bridge, Yorktown while entering port. After the offload of weapons in Yorktown, ALBANY got underway on 19 December for her transit to Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia. Here she would receive yard services and make preparations for her impending duty as flagship for COMSIXTHFLT in Gaeta, Italy, a duty she will assume late in 1976.

AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS PROCESSED DURING 1975

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| Good Conduct Awards | 4 |
| Meritorious Unit Citation | 1 |
| Navy Achievement Medals | 5 |
| Navy Commendation Medals | 4 |
| Vietnamese Staff Service Medals | 1 |

COMPOSITION OF COMMAND ON 31 DECEMBER 1975

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| <u>OFFICERS</u> | 59 NAVY | 02 MARINES |
| <u>ENLISTED</u> | 645 NAVY | 39 MARINES |

STATISTICS FOR 1975

LEGAL

Personnel Receiving NJP

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| January | 26 |
| February | 24 |
| March | 14 |
| April | 31 |
| May | 34 |
| June | 25 |
| July | 42 |
| August | 32 |
| September | 24 |
| October | 55 |
| November | 37 |
| December | <u>12</u> |
| Totals | 356 |

There were 101 Power of Attorney's issued in 1975 and 13 Bills of Sale executed.

Courts Martial

Convicted

Acquitted

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| Summary | 9 | 2 |
| Special | 4 | 0 |

There were 2 undesirable discharges and 13 general discharges awarded during the year.

FIRST LIEUTENANT (HELO CERTIFICATION)

Helicopter Certification for

Level 1, Class 2 - H-2, H-3

Level 1, Class 4 - H1, H2, H46, H53

Level 1, Class 6 - H2, H3, H46, H53E, H53

Level 1 indicates day and night operations

Class 2 indicates helo can land

Class 4 indicates helo can VERTREP

Class 6 indicates helo can HIFR

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

General Stores: Material/Services for operation/maintenance of the ship paid for by the ship - \$646,000.00. Number of line items stocked by ship 60,000. Total issues made from stock - 5100. Total Orders/Requisitions places by ship - 12,000.

FOOD SERVICE

Total Meals Fed - 1460
Value of Food Consumed in General Mess - \$680,000.00
Value of Food Sold to Private Messes - \$120,000.00
Value of Bakery Products Sold to Private Vesses - \$18,000.00
2,518,500 cups of coffee consumed on ship
63,875 gallons of milk consumed on ship
657,000 eggs prepared to order

SALES AND SERVICE

Total Ships Sales are \$195,000.00 which generated approximately \$19,000 in profits for Ship's Welfare and Recreation Fund.

3000 Haircuts given
250,000 lbs of laundry done

DISBURSING

\$3,000,000.00 disbursed in 24 paydays and special pay with an average Navy/Marine Corps payroll of \$120,000.

WEAPONS DEPARTMENT FIRING SUMMARY 1975

No. Talos Fired - 5

5 - Talos surf/air
(One successful)

No. Tartar fired - 13

12 - Tartar surf/air
1 - Tartar surf/surf
(Five surf/air successes)

No. ASROC fired - 1

1 - MK46 shot during return from Caribex - 76

No. Torpedoes fired - 1

1 - MK46 shot during return from Caribex - 76

No. of rounds of 5"/38 caliber ammunition fired - 357
(during various exercises in 1975)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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| 1. ALBANY Letters of Commendation | 19 |
| 2. ALBANY Letters of Appreciation | 66 |